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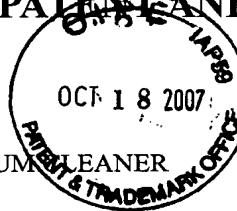
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: TSUYOSHI TOKUDA

SERIAL NO.: 10/664,975

FILED: September 22, 2003

FOR: ELECTRIC BLOWER AND VACUUM CLEANER
USING SAME



CONFIRMATION NO. 4973

GROUP ART UNIT: 1744

EXAMINER: KARLS, S.L.

ATTY. REFERENCE: TOKU3001/JJC/PMB

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

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- No additional fee is required.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF JULY 19, 2007

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 19, 2007 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.